meet international needs, extension of benefits available under the scheme of Export Oriented Units/Export Processing Zones to agriculture sector and permitting 50% sale in the domestic tariff area, assistance to exporters for improved packaging, strengthening of quality control, promoting export of identified products through brand promotion campaigns, arranging buyer seller meets, participation in international Fairs/Exhibitions etc.

परिवर्द्धित खाद्यान्न उत्पादन की संभावना

2343. **श्री राम जेठमलानी:** क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश में विभिन्न क्षेत्रों का सर्वेक्षण करने के बाद यह पाया गया है कि मध्य प्रदेश, बिहार, पूर्वी उत्तर प्रदेश, पश्चिम बंगाल और असम जैसे राज्यों में खाद्यान्नों के प्रति-हैक्टेयर उत्पादन में बढ़ोतरी की गुंजाइश है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस समय उपरोक्त क्षेत्रों में गेहूं और धान के प्रति-हैक्टेयर उत्पाद की अनुमानित दर क्या है; और

(ग) इस संबंध में व्यापक सुधार करके इन राज्यों में उत्पादन-दर किस हद तक प्राप्त की जा सकती है?

कृषि मंत्री (श्री चतुरानन मिश्र): (क) इन क्षेत्रों में कोई सर्वेक्षण आयोजित नहीं किया गया है। तथापि, विभिन्न फसल उत्पादन कार्यक्रमों के अन्तर्गत आयोजित किए गए अग्रणी प्रदर्शनों ने दर्शाया है कि असम, बिहार, मध्य प्रदेश, पूर्वी उत्तर प्रदेश और पश्चिम बंगाल में प्रति हैक्टेयर उत्पादकता बढ़ाने की गुंजाइश है।

(ख) 1995-96 के दौरान गेहूं और चावल की प्रति हैक्टेयर औसत अनुमानित उत्पादकता निम्नानुसार है:-

राज्य	औसत उत्पादकता कि.ग्रा. प्रति हैक्टे. में	
	चावल	गेहूँ
1. असम	1354	1108
2. बिहार	1380	2018
3. मध्य प्रदेश	1104	1614
4. उत्तर प्रदेश	1867	2453
5. पश्चिम बंगाल	1968	2611

(ग) इन राज्यों में अग्रणी प्रदर्शनों के परिणामों से विभिन्न चावन पारिस्थितिकी प्रणालियों के अन्तर्गत चावल की प्रति हैक्टेयर 1.5 से 4.8 टन और गेहूँ की प्रति हैक्टेयर 4.5 टन की प्राप्त करने योग्य उपज क्षमता का पता चला है।

Kerala's Proposal for Product Diversification of Coconut

2344. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any project proposal of Rupees 43 crores has been submitted to the Government for product diversification of the coconut by the Kerala Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to exend the assistance as requested by the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The project on product diversification and processing of coconuts envisages promotion of use of tender coconut; production of copra, production of coconut shell carbon, establishment of organic manure production unit from coir pith; setting up handicraft production units; market propaganda and market extension; establishment of vinegar production unit; establishment of coconut shell charcoal production unit; establishment of project for activated carbon; establishment of coconut cream production unit; desicated coconut production unit; establishment of coconut timber production unit; research & development, market study; and market information system.

(c) The project was examined and found lacking in necessary details. The State Government has been advised to recast the project.

Crisis Alert System to Manage Chemical Accidents

2345. PROF. RAM KAPSE:
SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set-up a Crisis Alert System to manage chemical accidents in the country;

(b) if so, the salient features of the system; and

(c) by when the final decision is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government have notified rule entitled "Chemical Accidents (Emergency Planning, Preparedness, and Response) Rules, 1996" for management of chemical accidents in the country. According to the provision under Rule-4, initiatives have been taken by the Central Government to set up a Crisis Alert System. The salient features of the system are as follows:

(i) to set up a functional Control Room at the central level alongwith an information networking system with the State and District Control Rooms;

(ii) to furnish the Control Room with the information, namely major accidents hazard installations in the country, major chemical accidents in chronological order, list of members of the Central, State and District Crisis Groups and databases on hazardous chemicals;

(iii) to appoint adequate staff and experts to man the functional Control Room; and

(iv) to take measures to create awareness among the public with a view to preventing chemical accidents.

(c) Does not arise.

Issue of DMS Milk Home Delivery Licences

2346. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government issue Home Delivery Licences for milk under the Delhi Milk Scheme (DMS);

(b) if so, the criteria fixed thereof; and

(c) the number of licences issued so far under this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING (DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) The Delhi Milk Scheme (DMS) issues Home Delivery Cards. These cards are issued only to physically handicapped persons, widow, students and persons with monthly income of below Rs. 300/-.

(c) At present there are 2783 Home Delivery Card holders.

Implementation of CLC's Orders

2347. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Labour Commissioner (CLC) passed an order on 20.1.88 upholding the contention of contract labourers employed by M/s. Harihar Cooperative Labour Contract Society, Khurda Road, Orissa, for parity of wages and other service conditions with the regular railway employees;

(b) whether the High Court of Orissa and the Supreme Court had dismissed the Writ application and SLP of Union Government respectively against the CLC's orders;

(c) if so, whether the Railways have implemented the CLC's orders;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether any action is being taken to implement the CLC's orders; and

(f) if so, the facts in detail?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) to (f) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of Sabha.

गैर-हिन्दी भाषी राज्यों में हिन्दी को बढ़ावा देना

2348. **श्रीमती मालती शर्मा:** क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार के पास गैर-हिन्दी भाषी राज्यों में हिन्दी को बढ़ावा देने की कोई योजना है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या सरकार राज्य सरकारों को यह योजना चलाने के लिए वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान करती है; और